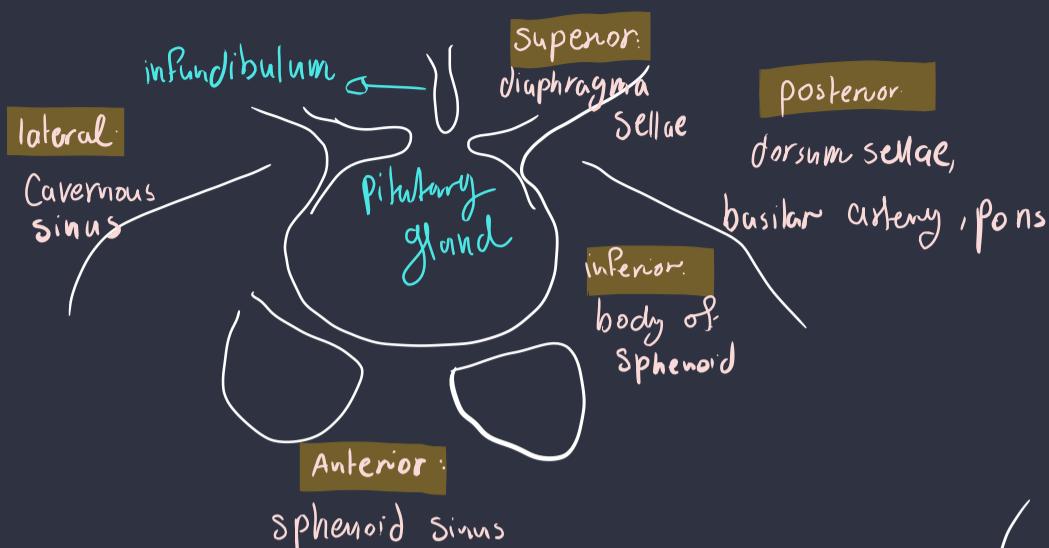
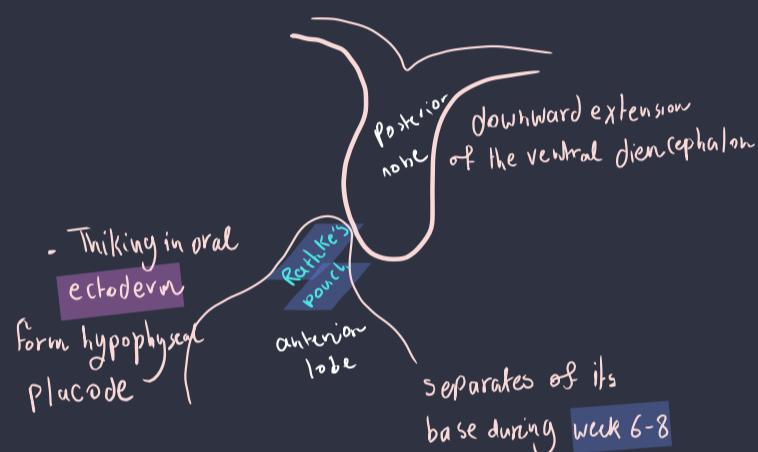


# Pituitary gland: hypophysis cerebri

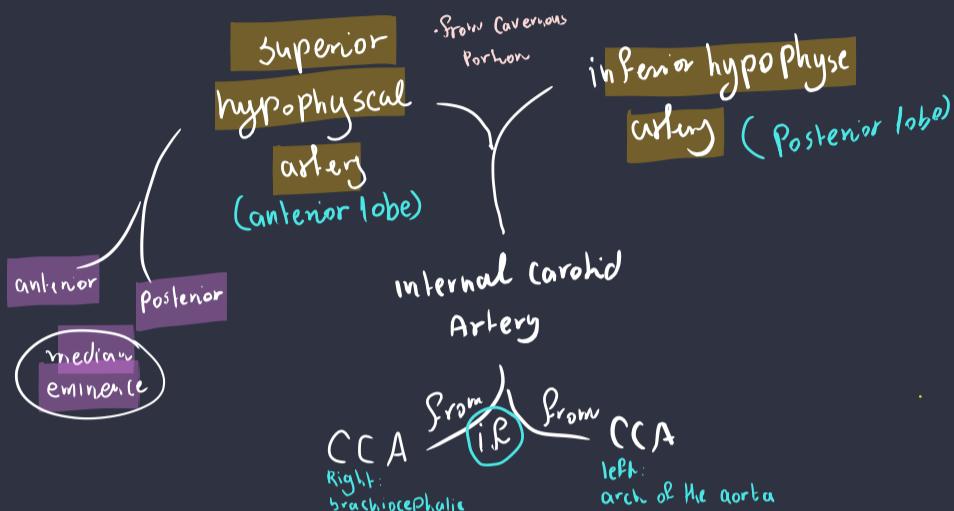
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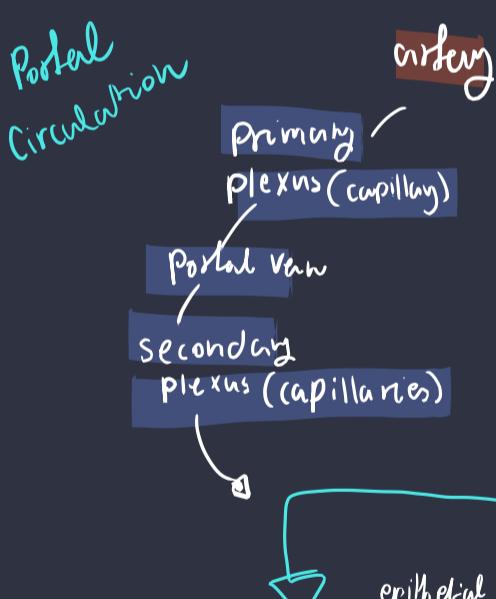
## ORGANOGENESIS: during week 4



## BLOOD SUPPLY



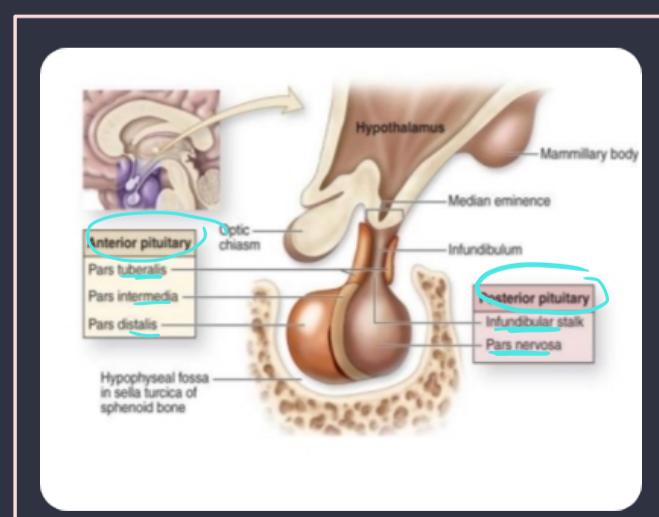
Acidophils → Secretory cells  
Basophils → Chromophobes: stains + many vessels around  
Chromophobes: X stains + less vessels



Hypothalamus:  
- Supraoptic and Paraventricular nuclei are making 2 hormones  
ADH and oxytocin

delivered through the axons  
and stored in pars nervosa

## 2 structures of Pituitary



## Adenohypophysis anterior lobe

- Pars distalis: Biggest, thin capsule, cords
- Pars tuberalis: surrounding the infundibulum
  - gonadotrophs are most of the cells
- Pars intermedia: between PD and PN
  - contains:
    - basophils (corticotrophs), chromophobes and colloid filled cyst
    - active during fetal life
    - cleave it differently from cells in pars distalis
- unique function: Express POMC (MSH,  $\gamma$ -LPH and  $\beta$ -endorphin)

Transnasal / Transsphenoidal  
↓  
to remove pituitary tumors

## Neurohypophysis Posterior lobe

- Collection of unmyelinated axons
- Supporting cells called (pituicytes) in pars nervosa

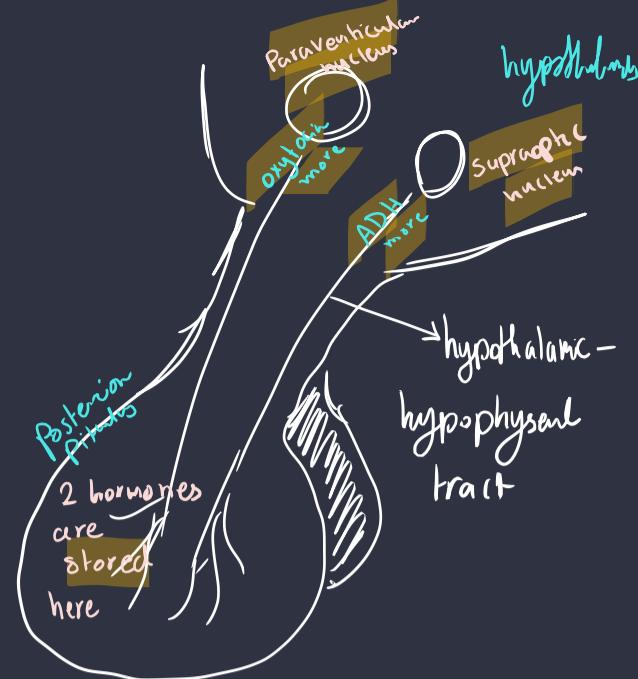
## The Posterior pituitary:

- ADH and Oxytocin: cyclic peptide because of disulfide bond
- both have 9 amino acids, they only differ in 3 and 8.

1) Oxytocin: 3 → iLe // 8 → Leu

• antidiuretic potency: 1 Milk ejection → 100

- Contraction of the pregnant uterus



2) ADH // vasopressin: 3 → phe // 8 → Arg

• antidiuretic potency: 200 Milk ejection → 1

Regulate serum osmolarity: V<sub>2</sub> (↑ reabsorption of water in the renal tubules)

• Function

Vasococontraction: V<sub>1</sub>

\* Stimulators:

• ↑ serum osmolarity - ↓ ECF volume

• stress-related factors - Anti-neoplastic drugs

\* Inhibitors:

- Ethanol - β-Adrenergic Agonists

- ANP - ↓ serum osmolarity

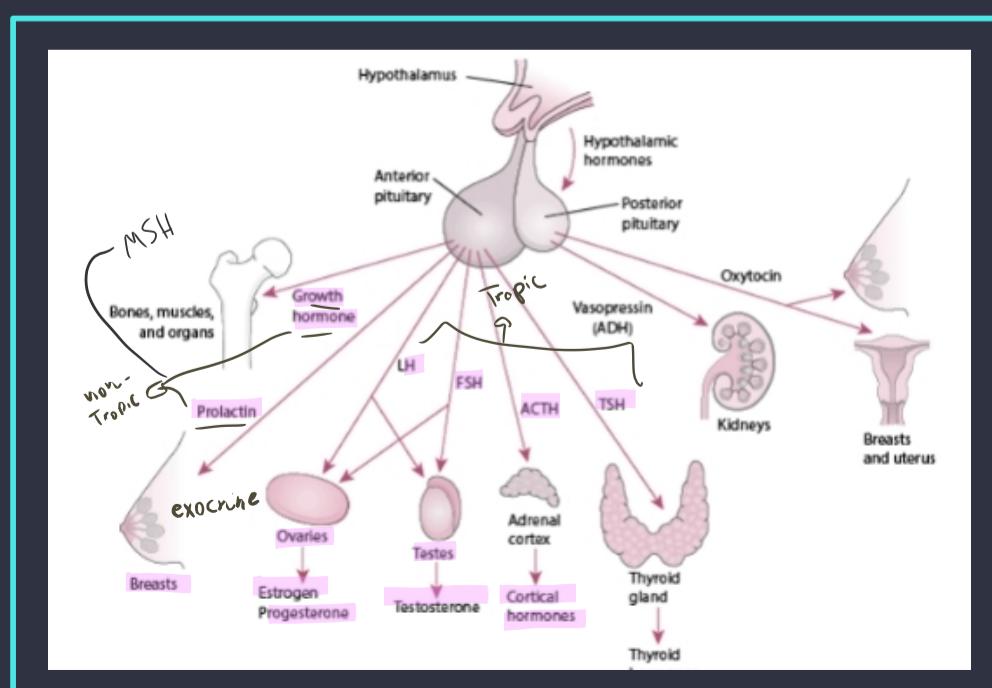
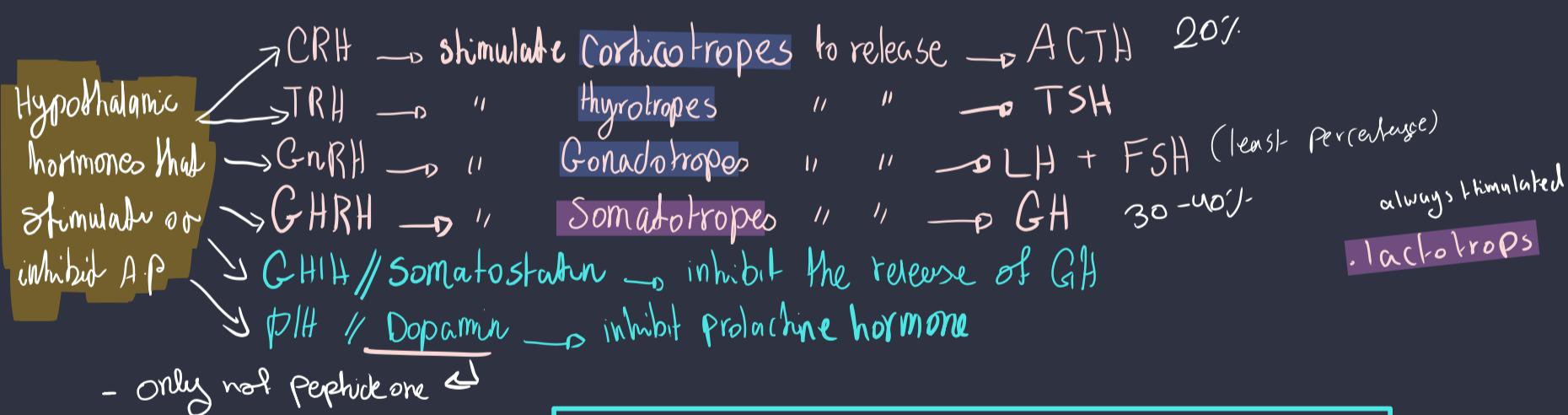
## The anterior pituitary:

2 pathways:

1) short pathway: Hypothalamic-Hypophysial short portal vessels (through posterior p.)

2) long pathway: " " long portal vessels (through median eminence)

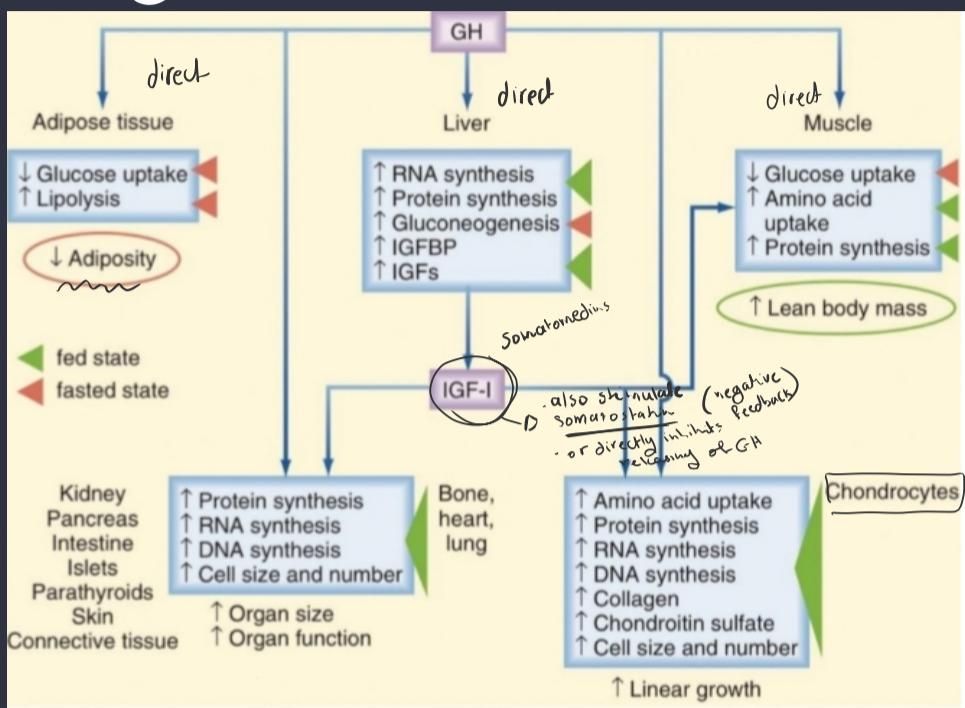
hypothalamus → nerve endings → stimulation blood vessels of median eminence → anterior pituitary to stimulate it



• Growth hormone: 191 AA, single chain

- The major of growth in the normal Post-uterine life are GH and IGF-1

## GA effects:



### - stimulate:

- ↓ blood glucose
- ↓ blood free fatty acid
- ↑ " amino acid
- Fasting • stress • exercise
- estrogen and testosterone
- Deep sleep (II&IV) • GHRH
- ghrelin

### - inhibit:

- ↑ blood glucose
- ↑ " free fatty acid
- Adiponectin • obesity
- Somatostatin
- Somatotropins
- GH exogenous

- Many hormones stimulate growth synergistically:
- ✓ insulin ✓ Androgen
  - ✓ Thyroid hormone ✓ Estrogen
  - ✓ Glucocorticoid hormone (Cortisol)
  - ✓ IGF-1 (Somatomedin)

### • So GH:

- increase protein synthesis
- increase metabolism of fatty acid
- decrease rate of glucose utilization (↑ glucose in the blood)

### • GA causes diabetes

• it can cause Ketogenic effect too,

→ ↑ blood glucose

→ ↑ insulin secretion

	GH	Somatotropin	insulin
protein intake	↑	↑	↑
Carbohydrate intake	↓	no effect	↑
Fasting	↑	↓	↓

## Abnormalities:

### 1) Panhypopituitarism:

decrease secretion of all pituitary gland

### 2) Severe anterior pituitary deficiency:

decrease secretion of all anterior pituitary

### 3) Moderate anterior pituitary deficiency:

deficiency in all anterior P except GH

### 4) Mild anterior pituitary deficiency:

only Gonadotropins are deficient

- ADH deficiency: diabetes insipidus
- Oxytocin deficiency: not problematic
- Gonadotropins deficiency:
  - Males: ↓ libido, Aspermia, balding hair
  - Females: ↓ libido, Amenorrhea
  - Child: delayed puberty
- TSH deficiency: hypothyroidism
- ACTH deficiency: ↓ glucocorticoids and androgens.
- GH deficiency: cause dwarfism usually ✓ mentality, sometimes infertile
- GH oversecretion:
  - Gigantism: before adolescence
  - Acromegaly: adults

DONE good job

# Thyroid Gland:

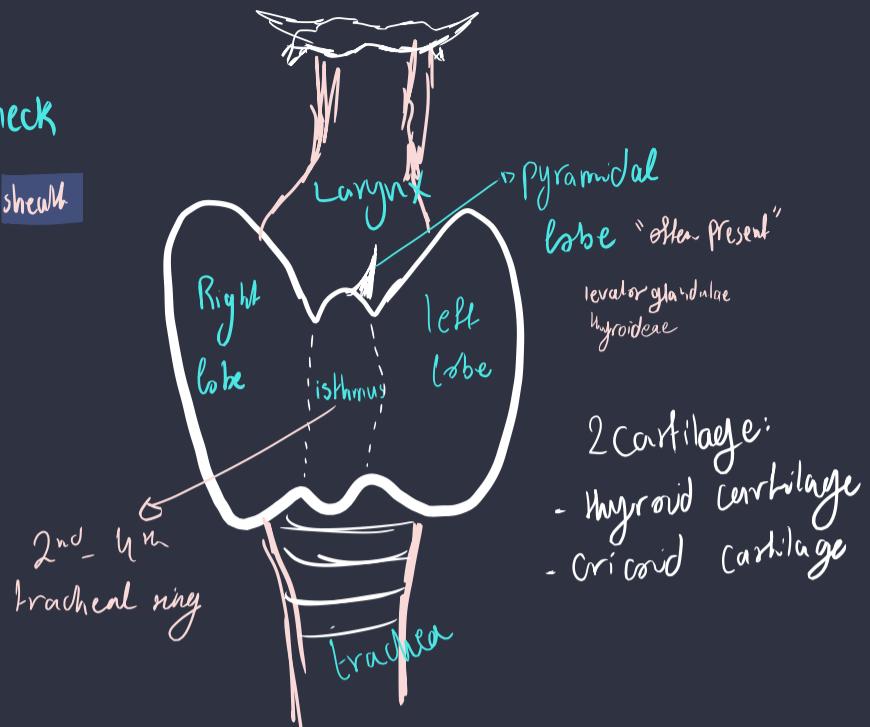
C<sub>5</sub> - T<sub>1</sub> ✓

• anterior neck

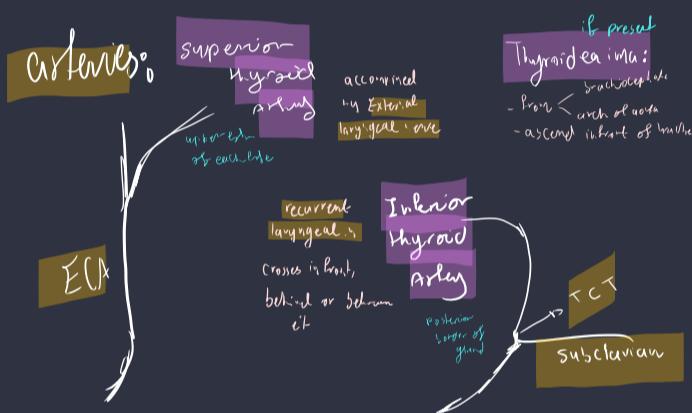
• surrounded by a sheath

Attachment to

larynx and trachea.



## BLOOD SUPPLY



## EMBRYOLOGY:

• originate from 1<sup>st</sup> → 2<sup>nd</sup> pouches (endoderm)

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> week: Proliferate forming the thyroid diverticulum

- 5th week: migrates along the midline, remains attached by thyroglossal duct
- hollow then solidifies forming follicular element
- division to right and left
- ultimobranchial bodies from 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> pouches → C-cells

7th week:

Final destination

10 weeks:

Thyroglossal duct degenerates *incomplete*

11th week:  
Functionally mature

### relations of lobes:

- medial: larynx, trachea, pharynx, esophagus, cricothyroid m., external laryngeal n., recurrent laryngeal n.
- anterolateral: sternothyroid, sternohyoid, superior omohyoid, anterior sternocleidomastoid.
- posterolateral: carotid sheath
- posterior: parathyroid glands, anastomosis between superior and inferior thyroid artery

### isthmus relations:

- Anterior: sternothyroid, sternohyoid, AJV, fascia, skin
- Superior: terminal b. of S. Thyroid A
- Posterior: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> ring of trachea

## LYMPH/D/ NERVE SUPPLY

- Lymph.D.: - laterally into deep cervical
  - Bew to paratracheal

### Nerve supply:

- Superior, middle, inferior cervical → sympathetic
- vagus nerve → parasympathetic

- ① Thyroglossal duct cyst
- ② Lingual Thyroid
- ③ Pyramidal lobe

# Histology



Follicular cells (Thyrocytes)

- densely packed together
- squamous to columnar
- round nucleus
- Synthesis Thyroglobulin

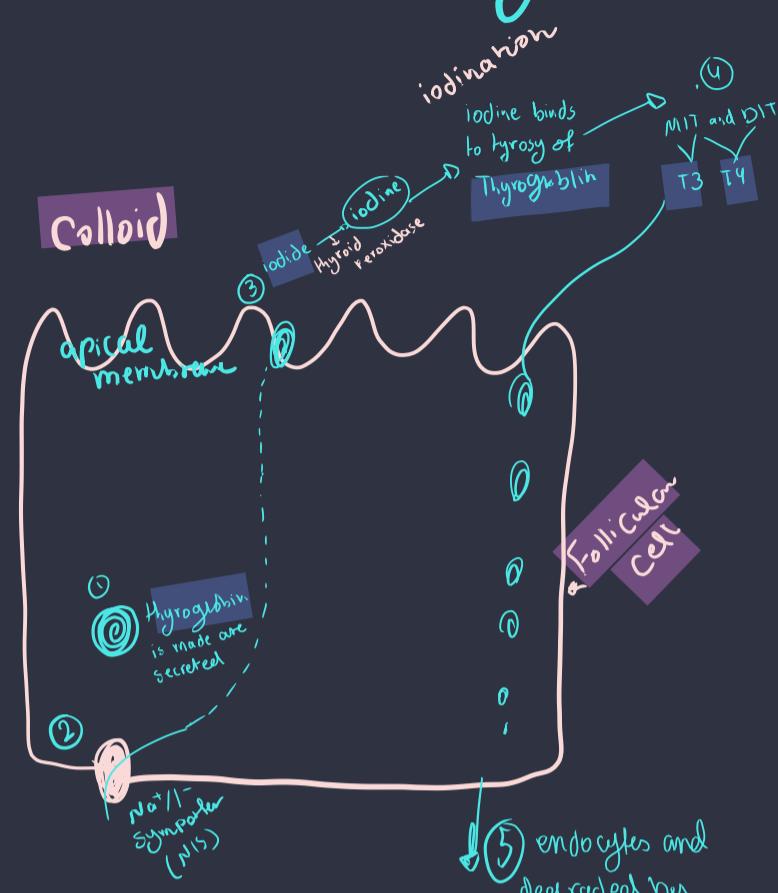
↑ squamous

99.5% bound  
• T<sub>3</sub> is more active than T<sub>4</sub>  
• rT<sub>3</sub> is totally inactive  
• T<sub>4</sub> is a prohormone  
synthesis  
→ 75% of T<sub>3</sub> → 25% of rT<sub>3</sub>

99.98% bound

• Thyroglobulin immune-staining

## \* production of Thyroid H:



• Thyroid gland is stimulated by:

TSH

• and inhibited by: Cortisol, GIFT, dopamine and somatostatin

TSH: Composed of

$\alpha + \beta$  subunit  
↳ T<sub>b</sub> functional  
↳ nonfunctional

## Thyroxin Transport:

Circulate in the blood stream either bound to plasma protein or free.

- TBG - T<sub>4</sub>-binding prealbumin  
- albumin

## Its Actions:

- Growth - maturation of CNS  
- ↑ BMR - ↑ cardiac output

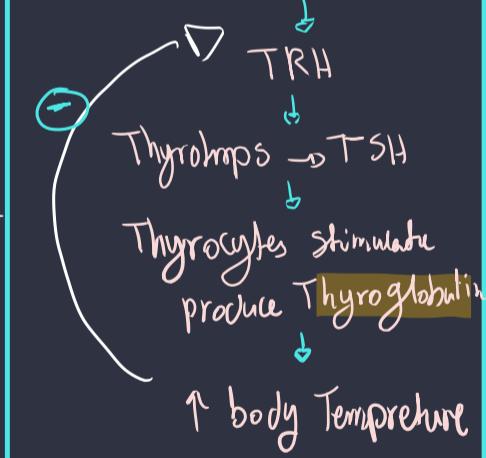
## Metabolism:

↑ Glucose absorption  
↑ Lipolysis  
↑ protein synthesis

• receptor in pituitary:  
phospholipase C

• receptor on the base of FC: adenylyl cyclase

↓ body temperature  
measured by receptors  
on the hypothalamus



Stimulatory Factors	Inhibitory Factors
TSH Thyroid-stimulating immunoglobulins Increased TBG levels (e.g., pregnancy)	I <sup>-</sup> deficiency Deiodinase deficiency Excessive I <sup>-</sup> intake (Wolff-Chaikoff effect) Perchlorate, thiocyanate (inhibit Na <sup>+</sup> -I <sup>-</sup> cotransport) Propylthiouracil (inhibits peroxidase enzyme) Decreased TBG levels (e.g., liver disease)

# Thyroid hormone abnormalities:

## Hypothyroidism

- fatigue and somnolence
- ↓ tissue oxidation and gut movement
- ↓ BMR, Heart and respiratory rate
- ↓ body temperature, ↑ blood cholesterol, slow voice, ↓ Apeptile, ↑ weight, dry hair

• A- Cretinism: during fetal life or childhood.

✓ mental retardation, ↓ body growth, ↓ sexual development

{  
Congenital  
endemic



B- Myxedema: in adults

- swelling of the face, bagsiness under eyes



## Hyperthyroidism

- ↑ sweating
- muscle weakness
- nervousness or other psychic disorders
- extreme fatigue but inability to sleep
- Tremor of hands
- intolerance to heat

Causes are :

- Toxic goiter

- Graves disease ↗

A- exophthalmos: because of TSI



B- Goiter: occur in both hypo // hyperthyroidism

Simple non-toxic  
low T<sub>4</sub>, T<sub>3</sub>

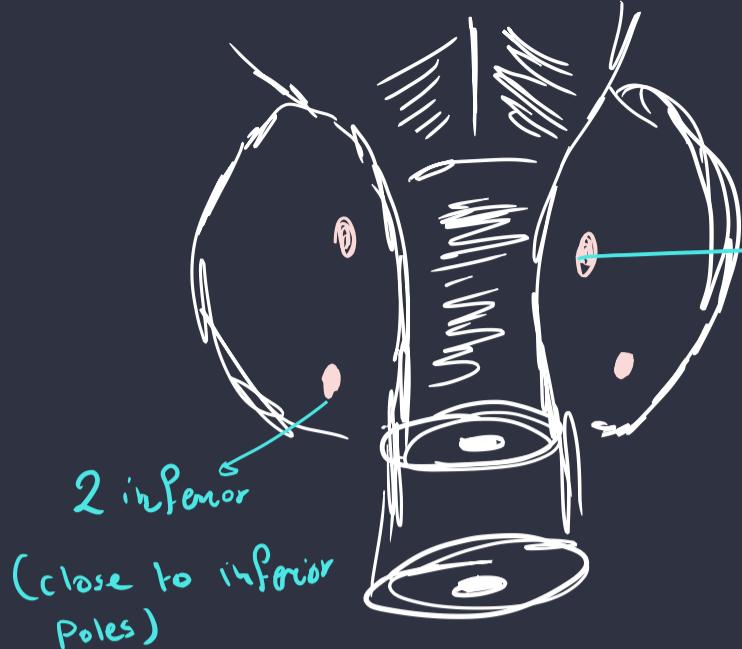
Toxic, malignant  
high T<sub>4</sub>, T<sub>3</sub>

DONE ❤ good job



# Parathyroid gland:

The main controller of calcium level



- location is more variable:
- intra-thyroidal - within Thyroid
- mediastinal structure - aortic arch

## STRUCTURE:

- 2 types of cells
- Chief Cells: - smaller, more abundant  
- prominent Golgi // developed ER  
Manage pTH
  - Oxyphil Cells: - appear after puberty  
- large, increase in number with age.

a single parathyroid gland should be sufficient!

↓  
Removal of  $\frac{3}{4}$   
Causes transient hypoparathyroidism

→ 2 superior "more constant"  
(at the middle of Posterior border of thyroid)

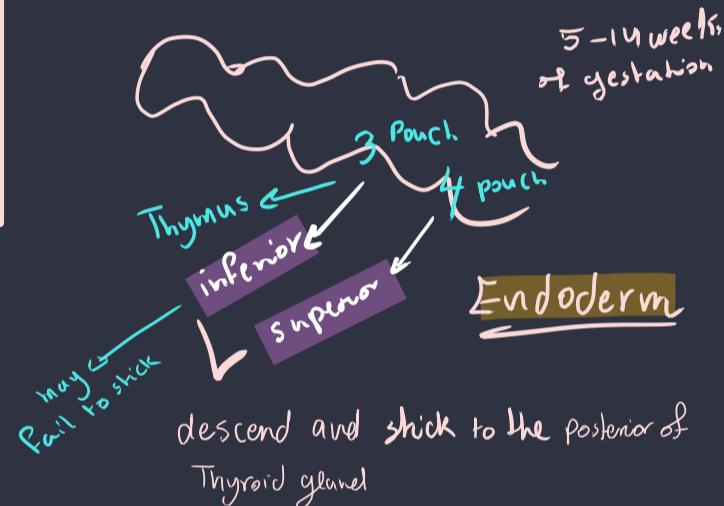
- in the back of Thyroid, usually embedded in the capsule.  
- total 0.4g / - Blood supp./Venous D/Lymph D.

Same as Thyroid

\*the older you get:-

- Secretory cell → adipocytes

## EMBRYOLOGY:



. it's a brie protein 84AA

↓  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  in the blood → Calcium-sensing receptors detect this → Start to secret PTH.

## Parathyroid hormone:

- dominant regulator is plasma  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  level ( $11 \text{ mg}/100 \text{ ml}$ ) ↓ → ↑ PTH

- hypomagnesemia → ↑ PTH secretion

- ↑ plasma phosphate  $\xrightarrow{\text{ind}}$  ↑ PTH secretion

-  $\text{1},25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$   $\xrightarrow{\text{d}}$  ↓ PTH

② Its main function to control extracellular  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  level by:

### 1) Renal Excretion (Direct):

- increase  $1,25-(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$  formation → allow entry of both calcium and phosphate from the gut into the blood → less phosphate reabsorption (decrease plasma phosphate) → more calcium reabsorption (increase plasma  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ )

### 2) Bone Resorption (Direct):

- PTH binds to receptors on osteoclast → release RANKL (OPGL) → binds to receptors on preosteoclast → mature osteoclasts develop a ruffled border → Enzymes → Several acids ] promote resorption of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and phosphate

### 3) Intestinal Absorption (indirect)

Via  $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{-D}_3$  that facilitates the entry of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  through epithelium of the gut → increase  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  absorption and phosphate too because  $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{-D}_3$  only

### \* Parathyroid's underactivity:

- $<7 \text{ mg/100mL} \rightarrow \text{Tetany}$  (because  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  regulates  $\text{Na}^+/\text{Ca}^{2+} = \uparrow \text{Na}^+$  entry).
- relieved by Calcium injection / Large doses of Vit-D and PTH.
- $<5 \text{ mg/100mL} \rightarrow \text{death occurs}$

### Parathyroid's overactivity

- . Great blood  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  level → deposition of calcium in unusual site (kidney) → Osteitis Fibrosa Cystica

## Vitamin D

The second major regulating for  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and phosphate metabolism

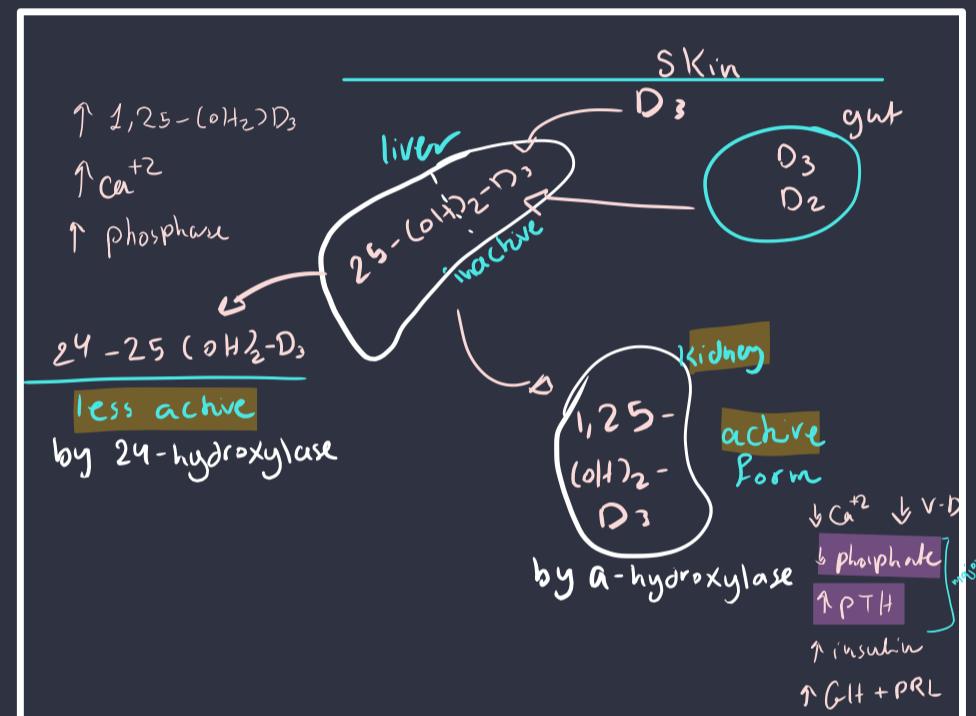
its roles → promote mineralization of new bone

- $\uparrow \text{Ca}^{2+}$  in plasma
- $\uparrow$  phosphate in plasma

### Vitamin D deficiency:

- needs several years to develop
- leads to failure of bone mineralization
- osteomalacia
- rickets

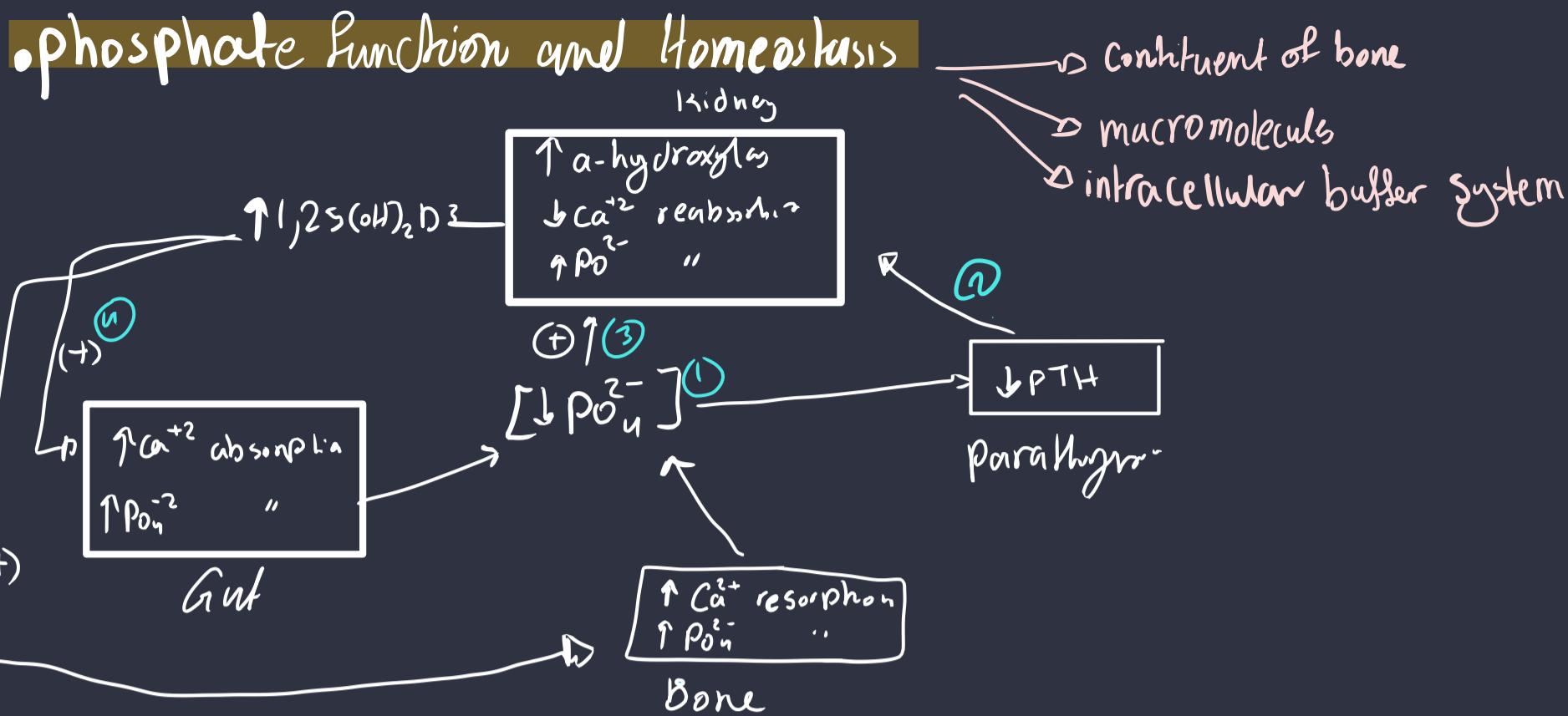
obese people have type of fat captures vit.D  
problems in bone and heart



## Calcium Homeostasis

- PTH →  $\uparrow \text{Ca}^{2+}$
- Vit.D →  $\uparrow \text{Ca}^{2+}$
- Blood pH:
  - alkalosis: decrease free  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  because they are bound to protein
  - acidosis: increase free  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  because it is replaced by  $\text{H}^+$  in protein
- Calcitonin: secreted by thyroid parafollicular
  - on bone: decrease  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  by antagonizing the action of PTH and promoting  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  deposition into bones
  - on kidney: decrease  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and phosphate reabsorption → ↑ both in urinary excretion

plasma calcium → diffusible → ionized  
→ non-diffusible → bound to albumin or globulin  
effect secretion



## Abnormalities of $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ Homeostasis

1) **Rickets:** in children

- Lack of vitamin D  $\rightarrow$  Calcium or phosphate deficiency
- in late spring months

cause bone disability

2) **Osteomalacia:** adult rickets.

- serious deficiency of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and Vit.D  $\rightarrow$  result of Steatorrhea

3) **Osteoporosis** (decrease bone matrix)

- Problems in the metabolism of all bone constituents

Causes :

1. inactivity
2. Malnutrition
3. ↓ vit. C
4. Postmenopausal
5. old age
6. Cushing's syndrome and acromegaly

• prevention :

- 1)  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  intake and exercises
- 2) pharmacological  $\rightarrow$  Anti-resorptive  
stimulate bone formation

- ③ Bisphosphonate
- ④ Estrogen
- ⑤ Vit. D

DONE ❤️ good job

# Pancreas

mostly in the tail

- ISlets of Langerhans: compact or ovoid masses, more lightly stained than the surrounding acinar cells
- endocrine cells embedded within the acinar exocrine tissue.
- more than 1M islets
- a thin reticular capsule surrounds each islet

Same embryonic origin as acinar → from endoderm of developing gut.



## CELLS:

1- α or A cells: secrete glucagon and located peripherally

proglucagon

2- β or B cells: secrete insulin and located centrally (most numerous)

proinsulin / C-peptide / Amylin

3- δ or D cells: secrete somatostatin (scattered)

4- PP cells: (F cells) secrete Polypeptide, common in islets in head

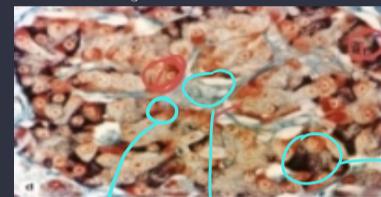
5- Epsilon cells: secrete Ghrelin

- Several arterioles enter each islet's capillary

→ Peripheral

→ Central (before leaving)

modified aldehyde fuchsin stain



β-cells: brown/orange

Capillaries: green

α-cells: deep brown

## \* Regulation of Glucose:

Short term

insulin → glucagon

long term

Catecholamines,  
GH, TH,

Adrenal Corticosteroids,

Glucagon: gluconeogenesis, glycogenolysis 1<sup>st</sup>

Cortisol: gluconeogenesis, lipolysis 2<sup>nd</sup>

Adrenalin: gluconeogenesis, glycogenolysis, lipolysis

GH: similar to cortisol

help to measure  
endogenous insulin  
bc it's not extracted  
by liver

1.60 in  
liver

\* Some notes about insulin:
 

- 2 chains → A → 21 AA
- disulfide bridges → B → 30 AA active
- pre-insulin (β cells) → pro-insulin (ER) → insulin + C peptide (Golgi)
- insulin + C peptide are secreted with each other, small amount of Proinsulin.
- 10% of insulin activity

## insulin function:

① insulin bind to a



· insulin receptor:

- 2α subunits  
- 2β subunits

② β become  
auto-phosphorylated



③ activate  
Tyrosine Kinase



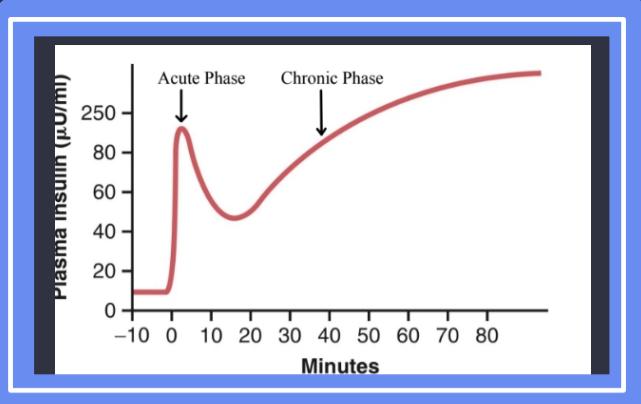
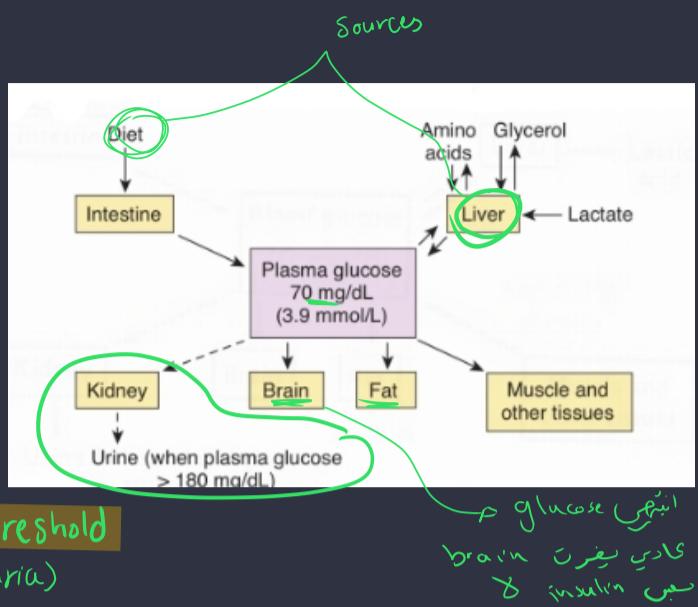
④ insulin can do its effect

• The most important stimulatory of insulin is glucose?

↑ glucose → ↑ ATP → closed K<sup>+</sup> channels

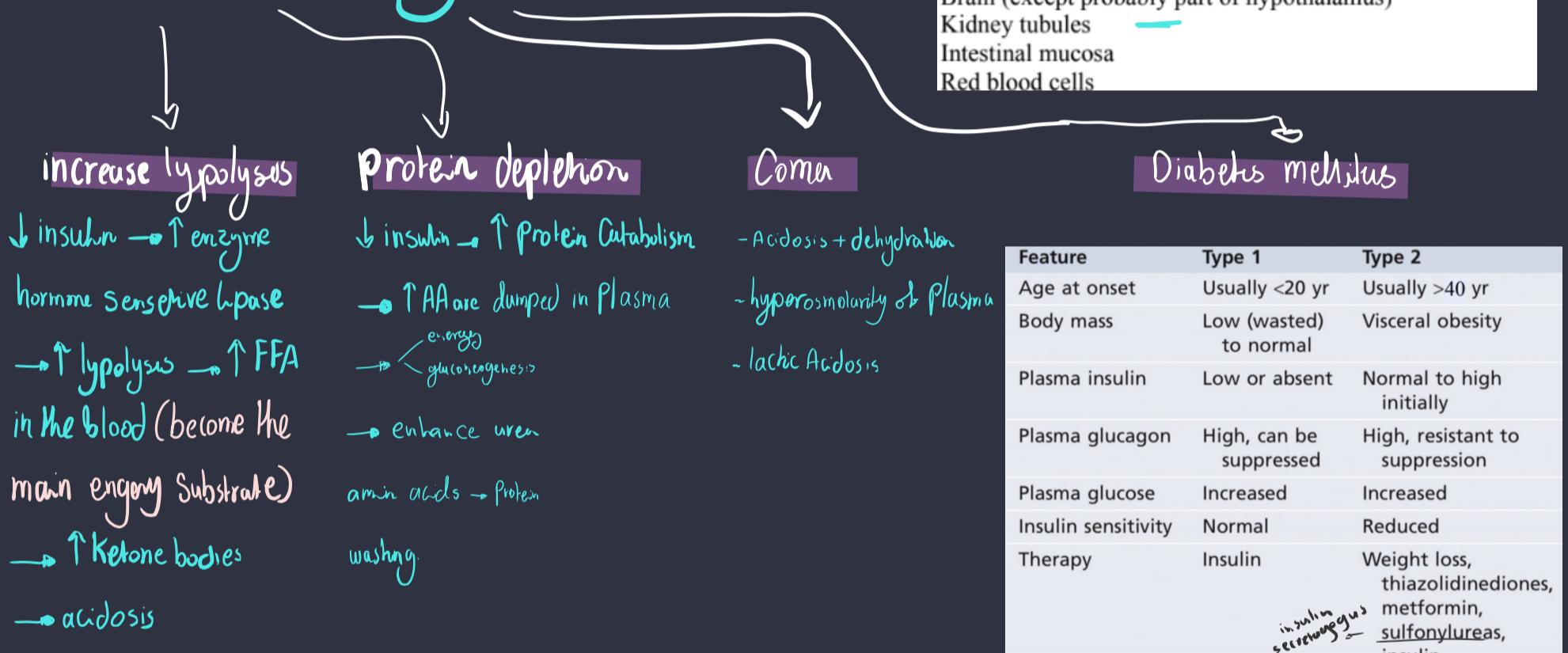
→ opened Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel → ↑ insulin

# Glucose homeostasis:



Sensing a rapid rise in Plasma glucose makes  $\beta$  cells secrete their stores of presynthesized insulin acute Phase  $\rightarrow$  Secrete newly synthesized in Chronic Phase

## Insulin Deficiency:



Feature	Type 1	Type 2
Age at onset	Usually <20 yr	Usually >40 yr
Body mass	Low (wasted) to normal	Visceral obesity
Plasma insulin	Low or absent	Normal to high initially
Plasma glucagon	High, can be suppressed	High, resistant to suppression
Plasma glucose	Increased	Increased
Insulin sensitivity	Normal	Reduced
Therapy	Insulin	Weight loss, thiazolidinediones, metformin, sulfonylureas, insulin

## - Glucagon: The most potent hyperglycemic hormone

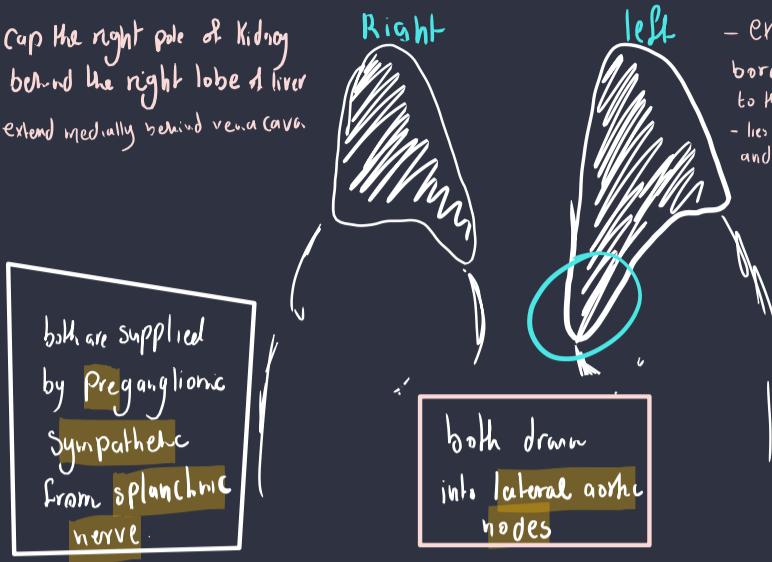
- The major stimulus of secretion  $\rightarrow$  ingestion of protein
- The major target is the liver, but it acts on other tissue

	Glucose	Insulin	Glucagon	Liver gives	Liver, fat, muscles cells take	Brain
At rest	Normal	Normal	Normal	10 g	4 g	6 g
During exercise	Normal	—	+	+ 46 g	+ 40 g	6 g Not affected
After a meal	+	++	—	0 g	+ 44 g	6 g Not affected

DONE good job

# Adrenal Gland

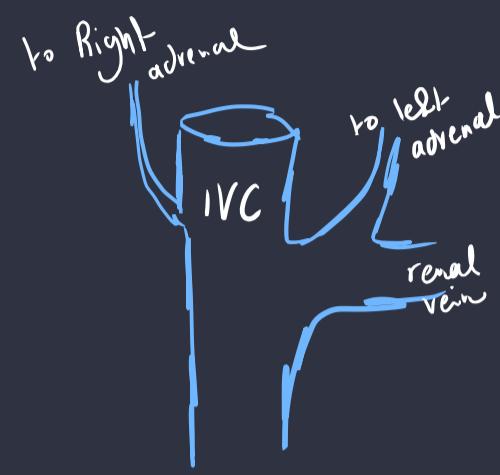
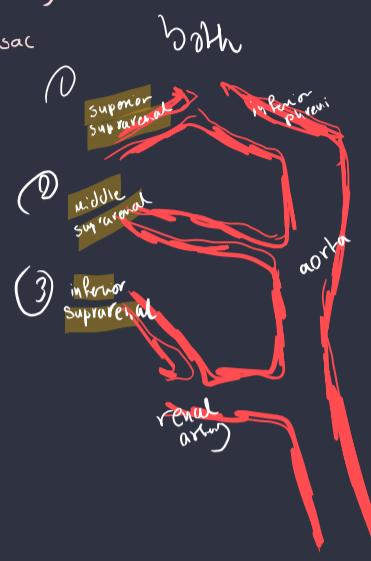
- cap the right pole of kidney
- behind the right lobe of liver
- extend medially behind vena cava



- Surrounded by renal fascia
- lacks of hilum

- separated from kidney by perirenal fat

## BLOOD SUPPLY

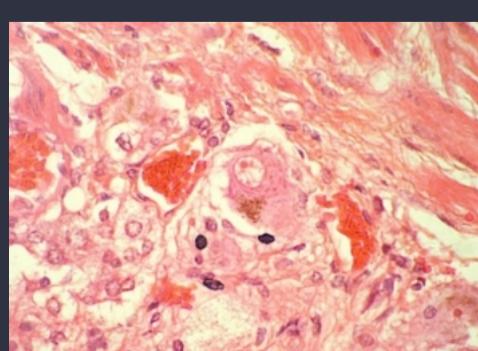
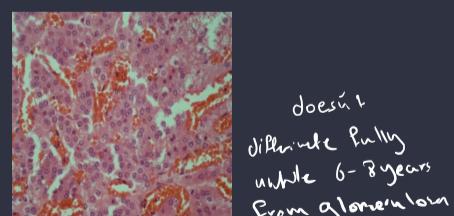
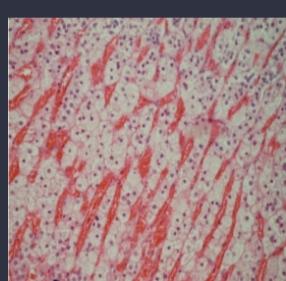
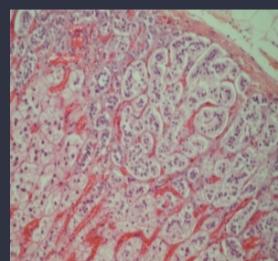


## ORGANOGENESIS

- 5<sup>th</sup> week → mesothelial cells → adrenal-gonadal primordial germ cells → fetal/primitive cortex
- Second wave of cell penetrate mesenchyme → definitive cortex
- After birth → outermost layer of fetal cortex → reticular zone

medulla  
from ectoderm

- originate in sympathetic system → invade middle aspect → arranged in cords → medulla stained yellow-brown (chromaffin)



- ↑ Capillaries
- 1/15, Closely packed rounded or arched cords of columnar or pyramidal cells
- Mineralocorticoids (aldosterone)

- 80% - long cords
- glucocorticoids (cortisol)
- ↑ lipid droplets
- controlled by ACTH
- small amount of androgen

- 10% - irregular cords
- heavily stained (↓ lipid)
- weak androgen (also cortisol)
- controlled by ACTH

- pale-staining
- CCs (modified sym post neurons)
- Catecholamines < epinephrine 80% norepinephrine
- Constriction of vessels of GIT and skin
- ↑ blood flow to muscle and brain
- Chromaffin cells
- Conversion of epi → nor only in Chromaffin cells

## STRUCTURE

### Adrenal cortex

- acidophils → SER
- steroid, cholesterol
- Steroidolase

Zona Glomerulosa

Zona  
fasciculata

Zona  
reticularis

Adrenal medulla

## • Adrenal Cortical Hormones

• Cholesterol is the precursor. • X stored in gland

• Problem in last step of cortisol → ↑ Corticosterone + androgen

### 1-Glucocorticoids: (cortisol) <sub>major</sub> → fasciculata <sub>minor</sub> → reticularis

→ production of glucose (gluconeogenesis) (Permissive effect with glucagon in glycogenolysis)

- Functions
  - fat mobilization
  - ↑ response to catecholamines
  - Modulates CNS function
  - During fetal life (type II cells of alveoli of the lung)

• Regulated by ACTH which stimulates Cholesterol Desmolase



• ✓ to aldosterone receptors, but hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase in kidney inactivate it

- 90% → bound to corticosteroid-BP
- 6% " " to albumin
- 4% " " free (functional)

### 2-Mineralocorticoids (Aldosterone) zona glomerulosa (aldosterone synthase)

- increase  $\text{Na}^+$  + water reabsorption → ↑ BP and ↑ excretion of  $\text{K}^+$  +  $\text{H}^+$

20 → CBP  
40 → albumin  
40 → free  
relatively high

### (RAS)

↓ renal blood flow → juxtaglomerular cells in kidney convert prorenin → renin → plasma renin converts angiotensinogen

→ angiotensin I  $\xrightarrow[\text{in lung}]{\text{ACE}}$  angiotensin II → stimulates aldosterone secretion

#### direct:

1-  $\text{Na}^+ - \text{K}^+$  ATPase pump

2-  $\text{Na}^+ - \text{H}^+$  exchange

3-  $\text{Na}^+ - \text{bicarbonate}$  cotransport

indirect: vasoconstriction → ↑ colloid

osmotic pressure + ↓ hydrostatic pressure

→ reabsorption of  $\text{Na}^+$  and water

more potent in reabsorption of  $\text{Na}^+$

aldosterone - MR complex →

membrane transporter protein and enzymes

$\text{Na}^+ \uparrow // \text{K}^+ \text{ and } \text{H}^+ \downarrow$

• Amiloride

• spironolactone

bind to MR protein

### 3-Androgens & Estrogen

zona reticularis <sup>major</sup>

zona fasciculata <sup>minor</sup>

• 2 weak androgen are produced from?

dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA)

Androstenedione

Testosterone

① estradiol

1+2+3 = Estrogens

② Estrone

③ Estradiol

Female: pubic and axillary hair & libido  
Male: spermatogenesis, 2nd sex char

DONE  good job

# PINEAL GLAND: epiphysis cerebri

- between the thalamic bodies
- postganglionic sympathetic nerve fibers

- Rich blood supply

- covered by pia mater

• Posteriorly from the posterior end of the roof of 3<sup>rd</sup> ventricle of the brain

CSF: produced by ependymal cells

• **Histology:** prominent secretory cells

- slightly basophilic

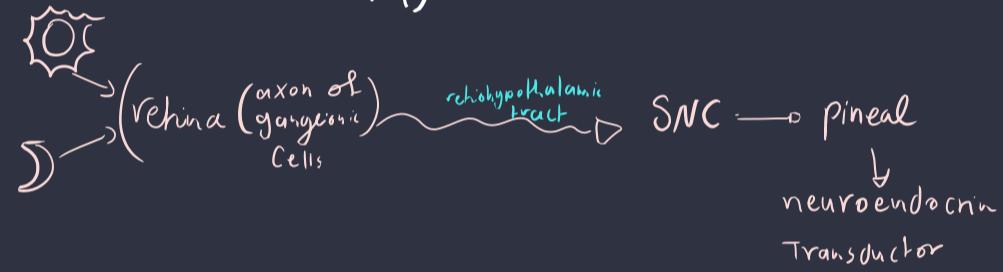
- many mitochondria / long cytoplasmic processes (modified nervous tissue)

• **glial cell** → elongated nuclei, heavily stained

• **Corpora arenacea** — mineralization of extracellular protein deposits

## Melatonin: from tryptophan

↑ darkness, ↓ daylight



## Functions

- . influence activity of PG
- . I.o.L of Pancreas
- . Parathyroids
- . adrenals
- . gonads

- . inhibition → directly (production)
- indirectly (secretion)

## ORGANOGENESIS

- 7th-8th week
- from neuroectoderm

• The development of mature gland is seen in the first decade.

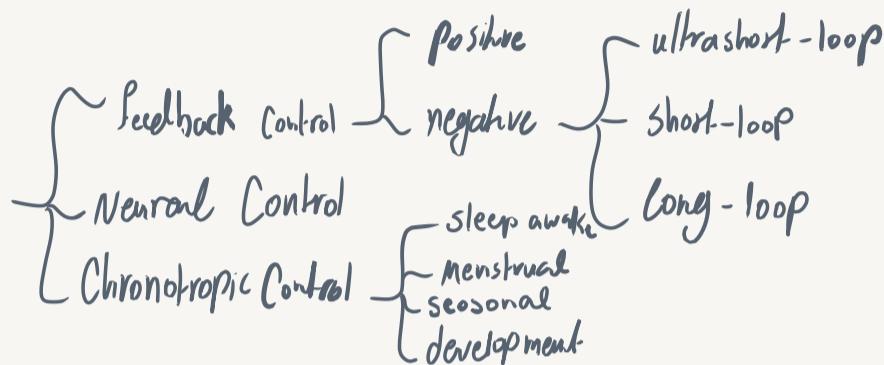
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# V1. Physiology

Points to remember about endocrine system

1. single gland may produce multiple hormones 
2. Most hormones have multiple actions on the same tissue  (pleiotropic)
3. Some hormones have different effect in different target 
4. The same chemical messenger may be either a hormone or a neurotransmitter
5. Multiplicity of regulation 
6. desensitization

Regulation of hormone secretion



Regulation of receptors' number

- { down-regulation (excess of hormone)
- { up-regulation (increase in receptor's number)

interaction between hormones

- { permissive hormonal interaction "effect requires previous exposure to another hormone"
- { synergistic effect "complement each other"
- { Antagonistic effect "opposed by other"

Chemical classification of hormones

1. Protein

- . hydrophilic
- one second messenger (adenylyl) cyclase  
phosphodiesterase  $\xrightarrow{\text{CAMP}}$
- 2 second messengers  
phospholipase C  $\begin{matrix} \swarrow \\ \text{IP}_3 \end{matrix}$   $\begin{matrix} \searrow \\ \text{DAG} \end{matrix}$

2. Amino acid

- hydrophilic
- receptors inside the cytoplasm or inside the nucleus (thyroid hormone)
- Adrenaline  $\rightarrow$  has different mechanism

3. Steroid

- hydrophilic
- same thyroid hormones
- plasma membrane receptors
- Progesterone + estradiol  $\downarrow$